



**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR THE COUNTY OF BENTON**

In the Matter of Proclaiming May 2024)
as Wildfire Preparedness Month)
in Benton County) **Proclamation No. P2024-008**

The threat of wildfires greatly impacts our entire region including the residents of Benton County, Oregon and the impact of climate change has greatly increased the risk of wildfires in Oregon.

When individuals take responsibility for preparing their families and their communities, the chance of survival and return to normalcy following a disaster is greatly increased.

Wildfire Preparedness Month was designed to bring awareness of the threat of wildfires to our communities.

The Benton County Sheriff’s Office – Emergency Management Division partners with federal, state, local, tribal, territorial, private, and volunteer agencies to inform individuals on how to take action, through our public education campaigns and community exercises.

Residents, businesses, and visitors of Benton County are urged to plan ahead for all disasters and encourage their family and friends to also do so, by participating in annual readiness events and drills.

Benton County Emergency Management and Benton County Emergency Operations Center staff will continue to participate in monthly training and exercises and planning activities.

THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that May is Wildfire Preparedness Month in Benton County, and all community members, businesses, and visitors are encouraged to develop their own emergency preparedness plans, practice evacuation drills, and join in this observance.


Adopted this 7th day of May, 2024.

Signed this 7th day of May, 2024.

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS



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